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BUSINESS CORNER



Mason Enterprise Center Provides Education and Resources to Small Businesses

The Mason Enterprise Center, the city's small business incubator, is expanding its suite of services to include access to angel investors and venture capitalists, a potential game changer for start-ups.

MEC-Fairfax has a long history of offering service and support to small businesses, including a dynamic range of seminars and workshops. Recent "Lunch & Learn" sessions have featured venture capitalists, marketing experts with tips on how to leverage social media and video for business needs, and candid conversations on cutting-edge technology. Local businesses are strongly encouraged to attend these free workshops, which provide beneficial resources to both new and seasoned professionals.

Contact MEC-Fairfax to learn about how these free seminars can help improve business. Information: 703-277-7700, www.mecfairfax.org.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

City, Volunteer Fire Department Update Agreement

Enables Increased Cooperation, Mutual Efficiencies

Since 1928, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) has provided the Fairfax area with lifesaving services. FVFD partners seamlessly with the City of Fairfax Fire Department to provide a volunteer and career labor force, and FVFD has provided fire apparatus for city firefighting operations, laboring tirelessly to raise funds for their purchases for 87 years.

Recently, FVFD and the city updated an operating agreement designed to yield greater cooperation and cost efficiencies. The first product of this renewed relationship is the purchase of a \$1.21 million tower ladder fire truck. The city was able to secure lower financing costs for the purchase, enabling those funds to

support other FVFD service areas.

The new truck (pictured, below) is expected to be in service by Christmas. Replacing an older unit, the new truck offers increased water flow and features a basket on the tower that makes rescues and fire personnel functions much safer and easier.



Merry Christmas from the FVFD — new truck in service by December 25!



Festival of Lights and Carols Brightens Old Town Fairfax December 5

Ring in the holidays at the Festival of Lights and Carols on December 5, rain or shine. **Information:** 703-385-7858.

Children ages 10 and younger may lunch with Santa at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Tickets cost \$6 per child and are sold by the

Parks and Recreation Department.

Old Town Square, adjacent to Old Town Hall, turns into a Winter Wonderland through January 3, 2016, courtesy of Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and Bull Run Festival of Lights. Also enjoy the animated light display at Sherwood Center Civic Green, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Beginning at noon, listen to live holiday music, visit the petting zoo and enjoy s'mores and hot cider in Old Town Square. Caroling begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree. From 6-7 p.m., tour the Ratcliffe-Allison House by candlelight.

Enjoy *Celtic Christmas with Sior-Ög* at 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall; tickets are \$15 per adult, free to children age 12 and younger.



City NEWS AND Notes

City Government Offices December Closures

Luncheon — City government offices will close from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. December 11 for the employee recognition luncheon.

Christmas — City government offices will close at noon December 24 and remain closed December 25.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (703-385-8414) and Historic Blenheim (703-691-0560) will close at noon December 24 and remain closed December 25.

The General District Court will close from noon December 23 through December 25. Information: 703-385-7866.

CUE Bus will run on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 p.m. December 24. There is no CUE Bus service December 25. Information: 703-385-7859.

New Year's Day — On January 1, 2016, city government offices, the museum and Historic Blenheim will close. There is no CUE Bus service January 1, 2016.

General District Court will close December 31, and January 1, 2016.

December Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

Christmas

- Thursday, 12/24: regular Thursday and Friday routes collected
- Friday, 12/25: no collection

New Year's Day

- Thursday, 12/31: regular Thursday and Friday routes collected
- Friday, 1/1/2016: no collection

Information: 703-385-7837

Fairfax Water Holds Public Hearing December 17 on Possible Rate Increases

Fairfax Water customers are invited to participate in a public hearing held by Fairfax Water on proposed rate increases at 6:30 p.m. December 17 at Fairfax Water's main office, 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax.

The proposed rate revisions would be applied to meter readings on or after April 1,

2016 — and, if approved, would increase the average quarterly household bill by \$3.42. Information: www.fairfaxwater.org, 703-698-5600.



City Contributes Ornament to Executive Mansion Tree

The City of Fairfax was invited by the Virginia Municipal League, with other Virginia municipalities, to contribute an ornament for the Executive Mansion Holiday Tree.

Kathleen and Larry Stark of the Fairfax Art League created a historic-style lantern with decoupage glass panels depicting city historic buildings (pictured, above). The decorated mansion will be open for tours during the holiday season.

Donate Blankets, Children's Coats Through December 4

The city joins a regional effort, headed by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, to collect new or clean, gently used blankets and children's coats for refugees who have fled Syria and Iraq.

Blankets and coats are accepted through December 4 in the City Hall Atrium, 10455 Armstrong Street. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Information: 703-385-7850.

Dog License Applications Mailed in December

City dog licenses are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 a year for unaltered dogs. All dogs age four

months and older must be licensed.

To obtain a license, dog owners must present a current rabies certificate for each dog. Licenses may be purchased for the years the rabies vaccination is valid. If applicable, residents must present a neuter/spay certificate (for first-time licenses only).

Licenses may be purchased at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, and applications are available on the city website ([under Police/Animal Control](#)). Information: 703-385-7900.

Parks and Recreation Updates Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

The City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department has updated its inclement weather cancellation policy. Information: 703-385-7858.

When Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) close for the day, classes and programs starting before noon will be cancelled. For classes and programs starting at noon or later, the schedule will be announced by 10 a.m. that day. When FCPS delays opening, classes will be held as scheduled. On weekends, cancellation decisions will be made by 8 a.m. each day. City recreation facilities will follow city government closures.

Classes, programs and gym rentals held in FCPS facilities will follow FCPS schedules.

Charitable Giving: Food Drive, Children's Coats

Our Daily Bread has partnered with Combined Properties to collect food, monetary donations and/or grocery store gift cards from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 5 and December 12 in the Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center, 10382 Willard Way. Information: 703-273-8829, www.ODBFairfax.org.

The City of Fairfax Fire Department partnered with Fairfax City Firefighters Local 2702 for Operation Warm, providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty. Financial contributions are accepted at www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity and by mail via Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431 (write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line).

City Paramedics Trained to Use Two New Specialized Resources

City of Fairfax paramedics have two new capabilities to help patients experiencing extreme health emergencies: the drug Norepinephrine and Rhino Rocket nasal packing. Information: 703-385-7940.

Norepinephrine is an intravenous (IV) drug for patients at extreme risk of dying from a drop in blood pressure caused by severe blood infection. Prompt administration of Norepinephrine stabilizes the patient's blood pressure, which allows IV antibiotics and other interventions to work to get them healthy again.

The drug requires specialty training and the use of special medical equipment (IV pumps) to administer it. The drug normally



is administered in hospitals — however, the city is one of only two jurisdictions in the region whose paramedics have received intensive training to provide this drug to patients being transported to the hospital.

Rhino Rocket is a gauze device that is inserted deep in the nostril to press against an otherwise inaccessible artery. (Under normal conditions, pinching the nose stops the bleeding, but not for many who take blood thinners.) Only trained medical providers may apply the Rhino Rocket, which can cause further damage if it is improperly used.

City paramedics have used these tools with excellent results.

Don't Bag It! Rake Loose Leaves to Curb by December 23 for Prompt Collection

Curbside leaf collection will continue in the City of Fairfax through the end of the year, so please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 23 for prompt collection. Information: 703-385-LEAF.

Please rake loose leaves to the curb. A few leaf tips:

- Give leaf piles a minimum six-foot clearance from overhead obstructions such as branches, trees, basketball hoops and holiday decorations.
- Remember, parking vehicles on leaf piles is a fire hazard.
- Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles.
- Keep stones, branches and other large items



out of leaf piles because these items can injure workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood about once every two weeks (often more frequently). Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents. *Bagged leaves will not be collected until January 4, 2016.*

Sign up for leaf collection updates (and more) via Fairfax City Alert, the city's electronic message system: visit the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.

Real Estate Tax Payments Due December 7

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills, which were mailed in November, are due December 7. Property owners who pay real estate tax directly and do not receive a tax bill should call 703-385-7900.

Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to their mortgage company. Information: 703-385-7900.

The city continues to offer real estate tax relief options to qualified senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities on a calendar-year basis: *basic tax relief, tax deferral, tax freeze, or combination tax freeze and deferral.* The application process for the calendar year 2016 real estate tax relief program will begin in February 2016, and information will be sent with the real estate assessments in February 2016. *Information:* 703-359-2486.



Keep Liquids Out of Trash

Please remember to empty all liquid from containers before placing them in refuse and recycling bins. This prevents liquid from spilling on workers and leaking onto the road from collection trucks.

Please dry out latex paint cans before placing them at the curb. Oil-based paint is hazardous waste and not accepted curbside. Please visit www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling for disposal information.

Holiday Greens Collected Curbside

The holidays go by quickly — and once the holidays have passed, consider giving your live trees, garland and wreaths a chance to keep on giving.

Please place live greenery at the curb on the scheduled collection day. These materials are taken to the Fairfax County landfill to be made into mulch (available to city residents while supplies last).

Solid Waste Management Plan Sent to DEQ for Final Approval

The City Council approved the Public Works Department Solid Waste Management Plan, which has been submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for review and approval, as required by law. The plan outlines how the city will manage solid waste and recycling generated by city businesses and residents during the next two decades.

Replacement Recycling Bins Available

Residents with city recycling service may request replacement or additional recycling bins. Information: 703-385-7837, RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



Winter Weather Info

Remain Ready for Emergencies

Winter weather can cause power outages, impede mobility and cause emergency conditions. Here are some ideas from the Emergency Management Office on how to prepare for winter emergencies.

Visit the [Emergency Management Office Web page](#) on the city website for more ideas. Information: 703-385-7846 (regular office hours).

Be Ready: Build an Emergency Kit

Building an emergency kit is an excellent practice not only for emergency evacuation purposes, but also for seasonal weather emergencies.

Visit the Emergency Management Web page on the city website or call 703-385-4856 during regular office hours to find out what should be included in household and work emergency kits.

Dealing with Snow, Ice Removal

The city is among the few local jurisdictions to plow its own roads. Public Works Department crews work around the clock to make city streets passable during a snowstorm.

When snow is predicted, park vehicles in driveways and off the street when possible to make plowing quicker and more effective.

Please clean snow from driveways and sidewalks in front of your properties.

If the snow is deep enough, plows may push snow into cleared driveway bibs — unfortunate, unavoidable and unintentional. Here are some shoveling tips:

- When shoveling driveways, continue to remove snow for a few feet past the curb or driveway, into the street.
- Pile snow to the left of the driveway (facing the driveway from the street), a few feet from the curb or edge of the property. *Remember: do not pile snow in the street.*

Utilities Connection

Fairfax Water

Report water main breaks:
watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org,
703-698-5613

Real-time repair information:
fwnotifications.org/public

Dominion Virginia Power

Report and check outages:
www.dom.com (Outage Center)
888-DOM-HELP

- When shoveling, remove snow from an area to the right of the driveway. Make it a few feet long and a few feet wide. Snow plows will have less snow to carry past your driveway — and the plow can drop the snow it's already carrying.
- Clear fire hydrants near homes and businesses so firefighters can access them immediately in case of emergency.

Prepare for Power Outages

Keep electronic communication devices fully charged during an emergency.

Keep non-electric tools handy, including flashlights, manual can openers and battery-powered radios.

Those in buildings with elevators and electric doors should know the building management emergency phone numbers and be familiar with emergency exit routes.

Those under doctors' care should check with their physicians for medical procedures and services that might be affected by a power outage.

Generators: Before and During an Event

Before installing a generator, obtain the proper city permits and make sure the generator is of the proper size for its intended use.

When using generators, keep them outside the buildings for safety purposes. Be mindful of neighbors and the noise cre-

ated by generators, especially at night. Loud generators are not exempt from city noise laws. Cold and frozen items will remain safe for hours in a closed refrigerator and freezer.

Find Service Providers Now

Make provisions now for services you may need during a snow or ice storm such as snow removal, home repairs, tree limb removal, transportation and more. Family, friends and neighbors may offer recommendations.

Check on Your Neighbors

Be a good neighbor: check on those around you and give them a hand when you can. Pay special attention to neighbors who are elderly or those with disabilities.

Use Multiple Resources for Communication

Identify multiple ways to reach friends and family in case one or more media is unavailable. Remember to include all resources, including telephone, text and social media.

Information Resources

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

Fairfax City Alert message system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 711)
regular business hours

CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through December 11, enjoy highlights from the 2015 City of Fairfax Fall Festival.

Beginning December 12, enjoy highlights from the 2015 City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

Road to Recovery

Series by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

Encore!

Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

City Council

 Tuesday, December 1, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, December 2, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, December 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, December 5, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, December 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 2

 Tuesday, December 8, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, December 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, December 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, December 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, December 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 9

School Board

 Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, December 8, 10 am

Thursday, December 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Monday, December 21, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 22, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, December 24, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 8

Planning Commission

 Monday, December 14, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, December 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, December 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 15

Cityscreen-12 on DVD, Blu-Ray

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD. Information: 703-385-7850; WeCare@fairfaxva.gov.

Copies of some programs are available for purchase on DVD for \$15 and on Blu-ray for \$20. Information: Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7803.

Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communication
 - Channel 12 (with converter box)
 - Channel 38.7 or channel 38.12 (without converter box)
- City website

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

December 7 regular meeting

- Spotlight on Learning.
- Staff/student recognition.
- Student Representative Report.
- Fairfax County Public School Legislative Program report.
- Presentation of and public hearing on the superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Approval of the 2016 Legislative Program.
- Approval of the revised Six Year Plan.
- Approval of the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting.

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

December 1 work session

- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan.
- Joint work session with the Planning

Commission for presentations on the proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2016-17 through fiscal year 2020-21.

December 8 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearing on an ordinance approving tax exemption status for The Lamb Center, 3160 Campbell Drive.
- Public hearing on a request for a special use permit and special exception for a storage facility at 3180 Draper Drive.

- Discussion of proposed development on the Breezeway Motel property, 10829 Fairfax Boulevard.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

December 14 regular meeting

- Public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2016-17 through fiscal year 2020-21.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Commission on the Arts (one vacancy)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change.

Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Information: 703-385-7935.





Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

City Council Reporter

October 13, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund transfer in the amount of \$178,000 from annual street paving contract to annual concrete repairs contract; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 26 to add a new section pertaining to the assessment of a fee as part of the costs in each criminal and traffic case in the City of Fairfax General District Court, to be utilized to fund the development and costs of an electronic summons system; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution in an amount not to exceed \$1.25 million to allow for the purchase and financing of a fire truck, body type – Tower Ladder (the fire truck to be replaced has exceeded its useful life and is scheduled for replacement). (Councilmember Miller was absent.)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, renewal of a

special use permit to allow a child care center as an accessory to a church in the R-3 Residential District at 10185 Main Street, subject to conditions. (Councilmember Miller was absent.)

- Approved, unanimously, special use permits to allow a specialty food establishment that provides delivery service; and to allow a commercial use seeking vehicular access from a local street which also provides access to residential areas in the C-2 Retail Commercial and HCOD Highway Corridor Overlay Districts at 10895 Main Street, subject to conditions. (Councilmember Miller was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance adopting revised rules and regulations pertaining to parks and other open space facilities owned and operated by the City of Fairfax, Virginia. (Councilmember Miller was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$455,000 to underground the dry utilities along

East Street. (Councilmember Miller was absent.)

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Reappointed: Judith LaMorte and Alvin Doehring to the Board of Equalization; Gary Perryman to the Board of Zoning Appeals; John Harold to the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Advisory Council; Barbara Shea to the Community Appearance Committee; William Page Johnson III to Historic Fairfax City, Inc.; Brian Knapp to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; Ellen Graham to the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board; and Evangelia Ifantides, Jeff Ferrell and Zinta Rodgers-Rickert to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Appointed: Lissette McNair to the Community Appearance Committee; and Mark Chandler and Adam Basinger to the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Budget Process Launches With CIP Discussion December 1

The city has begun the process of reviewing the capital improvement projects to be scheduled for the next five years.

The City Council will discuss the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with the Planning Commission at the December 1 City Council work session. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed CIP at its December 14 meeting.

The City Council will hold work sessions and public hearings on the proposed CIP in March and April 2016. The CIP will be adopted with the budget in April 2016.

The CIP is the planning document for capital im-

provements to be scheduled in fiscal years 2016-17 through 2020-21. Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

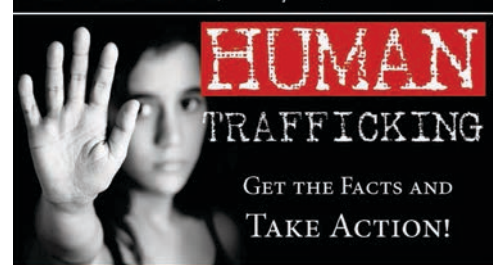
The CIP is a five-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only, subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle.

The current fiscal year budget (pictured, left) is available on the city website. Printed copies are available from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall.

Information: 703-385-7876.



SAVE THE DATE: January 31, 2016 1 - 4 P.M.



Human Trafficking Awareness Event Set for January 31, 2016

Get the facts on human trafficking and learn how to take action at a free event offered from 1-4 p.m. January 31, 2016 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. This will feature a guest speaker and breakout information sessions. Registration is scheduled to begin in December.

The event is sponsored by women's commissions from the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. **Information:** 703-385-7894, www.fairfaxva.gov/cfw.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS City Government Information 703-385-7855 City News and Events 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 George Mason University Information 703-993-1000 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.		1  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	2 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	3 The City of Fairfax Theatre Company: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 6:30 pm, Truro Anglican Church Community Appearance Committee budget meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Final day to donate blankets and children's coats in the City Hall Atrium for Syrian and Iraqi refugee families Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	5 Pancake Breakfast With Santa, 8 am to 11 am, Fire Station 3 (benefits Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Fall Food Drive  Festival of Lights and Carols — see page 1 A Celtic Christmas, 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall
6 The City of Fairfax Theatre Company: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 2 pm, Truro Anglican Church Christmas in Camp, noon to 4 pm, Historic Blenheim Main Street Community Band: Home for the Holidays, 4 pm, Lanier Middle School	7 Real estate taxes due Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	8  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	9 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center	10	11 City government offices close from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm for the Employee Recognition Luncheon Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Cathedral Brass: Holiday Traditions, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	12 Fall Food Drive, 10 am to 4 pm, 10382 Willard Way (Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center) Swing Dance, 8 pm (swing lessons begin at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center
13 Second Sunday: Dining with the Washingtons, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Season Opener: Northern Virginia Youth Winds and Northern Virginia Junior Winds, 3 pm, W.T. Woodson High School	14  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	15 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	16 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	17 Fairfax Water public hearing on water rate revisions, 6:30 pm, Fairfax Water, 8570 Executive Park Avenue Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	18 Sherwood Cinema Series: Rise of the Guardians, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (food donations accepted by Our Daily Bread) Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	19 City of Fairfax Band: Christmas in Fairfax, 7 pm, Fairfax High School
20	21 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	22	23 Please have all loose leaves raked to the curb for prompt collection General District Court closes at noon 	24 Regular Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes collected Christmas Eve: city government offices close at noon; General District Court closed; CUE Bus on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 pm; Fairfax Museum and Historic Blenheim close at noon	25 Refuse and recycling are not collected Christmas: city government offices closed; General District Court closed; no CUE Bus service; Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed; Historic Blenheim closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 Regular Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes collected Last day of curbside leaf collection General District Court closed	January 1, 2016: • City government offices are closed • General District Court is closed • CUE Bus — no service • Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center is closed • Historic Blenheim is closed • Refuse and recycling are not collected — Friday route collected Thursday, December 31	Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000 



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City Happenings

History Programs Planned December 6, 13

Spend *Christmas in Camp* from noon to 4 p.m. December 6 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. **Information:** 703-591-0560.

Learn about *Dining With the Washingtons* at 2 p.m. December 13 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. **Information:** 703-385-8414.

Celebrate Holidays With Music in December

Music lovers have their choice of concerts to celebrate the season in and around Fairfax.

The Main Street Community Band will be *Home for the Holidays* at 4 p.m. December 6 at Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road. Free tickets are required. **Information:** 571-336-CFBA.

The free Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues at 8 p.m. December 11 with the *Cathedral Brass: Holiday Traditions*. **Information:** 703-352-ARTS.

The season opener of the Northern Virginia Youth Winds will be held at 3 p.m. December 13 at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street. Free tickets are required. **Information:** 571-336-CFBA.

The City of Fairfax Band and Fairfax Choral Society celebrate *Christmas in Fairfax* at 7 p.m. December 19 at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. Free tickets are required. **Information:** 571-336-CFBA.



New Chocolate Lovers Valentine Available; Festival Set for February 6-7, 2016

Chocolate Lovers Festival collector valentines are available at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main Street), at City Hall, Room 123, and from members of the

Independence Day Celebration Committee. Cost is \$5 and includes a coupon for five pogs at the Taste of Chocolate. The Chocolate Lovers Festival will be February 6-7, 2016, in Old Town Fairfax. **Information:** 703-385-7858, www.chocolatefestival.net.

Cinema Series Continues December 18; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *Rise of the Guardians* for free at 7 p.m. December 18 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Fairfax Memorabilia For Sale

Shop local with Fairfax memorabilia — books by local authors, Civil War-related gifts and more — for sale at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street (703-385-8414) and the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway (703-691-0560).